

Norwood Water Commission
Tuesday February 8th, 2022- Regular Meeting
Norwood Community Center 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Ron Gabbett called the regular meeting of the Norwood Water Commission to order at 7:00P.M. The Norwood Water Commission of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, met in regular session at the Norwood Community Center, 1670 Naturita Street, Norwood, Colorado. Those being present were as follows:

Present: Chairman – Finn Kjome, Vice Chairman – Ron Gabbett, Jim Wells, Mike Grafmyer and Jim Jensen

Staff: Patti Grafmyer – Administrator, Shawntel Darby-Turner – Secretary and Randy Harris – ORC

Absent: John Owens

Others: Ray Cossey and Aaron Ellwood

Via Zoom –

Review/Consent Agenda:

There was a **Motion** by Finn Kjome to approve the January 11th, 2022 minutes and February 2022 bills and accounts as presented. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Board Member Additions to Agenda:

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to have a discussion regarding the Norwood Water Commission 2022 projects. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Ron Gabbett made a **motion** to have a discussion regarding the Lone Cone meeting last week. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Public Walk-In Period:

New Business:

a) FWDC Notice of Call for Annual Meeting

1. Appointment of Norwood Water Commission Representative

Finn Kjome nominated Jim Wells and made a **motion** to send Jim as the Norwood Water Commission representative to the Farmer's Water Development Company Annual Meeting. Jim Jensen seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

b) Discussion Regarding San Miguel Water Conservancy District – Aaron Ellwood

Aaron Ellwood introduced himself as a board member of the San Miguel Water Conservancy District. He states they also hold the decree for the San Miguel Project which is still on the books as a conditional decree, as of 2010. It includes forty feet out of the river. In 2011, the referee gave it to us under the condition that by 2017 they had a water report done to justify the needs. In 2017, assessment was done and came back with there is more need than what the San Miguel project actually was. We have satisfied all but 2 protesters, Sheep Mountain Alliance and San Miguel County. We have been doing this

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for 3 years over roughly 10,000 acre feet of water and they would control 6,000 acre feet of water. We're going nowhere with it, so it has to go to trial. They are proposing to convey water rights over to SWWCD so they can handle the legal battle and pursue water projects on this mesa. The only condition we would give them is that the water would have to stay here, within the district. He would like to get a letter of support from all of the entities involved showing that they would be willing to work with SWWCD on this.

Mike Grafmyer made a **motion** to write a letter of support showing that we are willing to work with SWWCD on this and that we are in support of conveying the water rights to SWWCD in order for them to pursue water projects on this mesa. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**.

Old Business:

a) Ray Cossey – Continuation of Utilities Easement Right of Way

According to Ray Cossey, Jimmy Poole has moved where he dug his water line, and he is going to write an easement instead. The NWC Board asked if they minded having our attorney take a look at it. They have no problem with our attorney looking it over. Chris Kennedy will write up the easement and get it to Patti so they can get it done.

Staff Reports/Announcements

a) **Public Works Director's Report:**

Randy Harris says he has currently been battling 4 or 5 frozen meter pits. He has Filter Tech coming for the quarterly calibrations. We are replacing turbidimeters and the chlorine probe. Reservoirs look good and have good flow.

1. **Chlorine & Turbidity Reports/Fluoride Report/Submitted:**

Randy would like to quit injecting fluoride as we get enough naturally, and we need to upgrade the system. Raw fluoride has been just under 1 part per million, so we have a lot of it coming in. Finn Kjome says we would have to ask the community, if they want it to stay or if they want it to go.

2. **Water Production versus Usage:**

3.5 million gallons we made last month for production. Usage is 2.5 million gallons. Production is still lower than it has ever been.

Board Member Reports:

Finn Kjome would like to say we're ready for money that may be coming our way. We want to prioritize an additional reservoir. John Owens would like to put his vote toward the reservoir. Mike Grafmyer would like to secure the ROW's for future projects. Patti Grafmyer will update our rural small systems wish list. Ron Gabbett said David told him that the snow averages are at 9.7 inches of water which is currently 103% of the previous decade's averages. It takes 14 to 18 inches to fill the Gurley once.

Administration Reports:

Patti Grafmyer states that Chris Kennedy has requested a Letter of No Objection for a well permit for Lot 1 of the Timberline Subdivision. Patti states that we have no infrastructure up there.

Finn Kjome made a **motion** to send a Letter of No Objection to the state for Chris Kennedy, Lot 1 of the Timberline Subdivision. Jim Wells seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**.

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Patti Grafmyer stated that we had Caselle updates starting tomorrow morning.

Adjourn:

Motion by Finn Kjome to adjourn the meeting at 8:07P.M. Mike Grafmyer seconded the **motion**. All voted **yes**. **Motion passed.**

Approved:



Approved As Corrected:

Date:

